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For: DECODING AND CODING METHOD OF
MOVING IMAGE SIGNAL, AND DECODING
AND CODING APPARATUS OF MOVING
IMAGE SIGNAL USING THE SAME

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 12, 16, 17 and 20 with the following amended claims:

H 12. (Twice Amended) A method for decoding an image signal representing
2 motion, the image signal being a bit stream of a coded compressed video signal, the
3 method comprising the steps of:

G 4 decoding the bit stream for information defining pixel blocks, the information
5 including motion vectors;

6 detecting an error in the information of one of the pixel blocks in each of at
7 least two frames which are prior to a present frame;

8 storing error information of the one of the pixel blocks in each of the at least
9 two frames which are prior to the present frame, in an error memory;

10 storing, in a frame memory, video information of the at least two frames which
11 are prior to a present frame;